

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 210

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Frank Jennings on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Frank Jennings, President of the Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation (MTEMC), is one such estimable person who has served MTEMC with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings will take a much deserved retirement after more than forty-one years of distinguished service with MTEMC; and

WHEREAS, Frank Jennings earned his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural economics and business from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, he began his career at Middle Tennessee Electric in June 1973 as an Electrification Advisor, serving with acumen and alacrity in that capacity until 1975, at which time he was named Development Engineer; and

WHEREAS, in May 1980, Mr. Jennings became Director of Member Services for MTEMC, and in 1988, employee programs and benefits were added to his department; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, a new Marketing and Communications Department was formed and he designed and hired the Key Accounts Coordinators into the program; and

WHEREAS, in August 2002, the Middle Tennessee Electric Board of Directors selected Frank Jennings to serve as the fourth President of MTEMC, the position from which he is retiring; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Mr. Jennings has served on numerous state, regional, and national committees associated with the electric industry, including as a member of Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association Board of Directors, Chairman of the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association (TVPPA) Energy Services Committee, and member of the Central District Managers' Association; and

WHEREAS, Frank Jennings currently serves as the Chairman of TVPPA's Subcommittee on Energy Efficiency and Demand Response; he has also received the National Rural Electric Certified Communicators and Executive Key Account Certification designations by NRECA, the national association representing rural electric cooperatives across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings has served as President of the Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Rutherford, Noon Exchange Club, and the Rutherford County UT Alumni, and he has served on the board of the University of Tennessee Board of Governors, the American Cancer Society, United Way, Main Street Economic Development, Leadership Rutherford, Tennessee 4-H Foundation, and the American Heart Association; and

WHEREAS, he has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee Council of Cooperatives and as Secretary of the Tennessee Chapter of Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, Mr. Jennings is perhaps most proud of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Margie, his two grown children, and his grandson; and

WHEREAS, Frank Jennings is an active, well-respected member of the community and a fine example of leadership, and he exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Jennings has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues at the Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we extend to Frank Jennings our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.